"That the Bill further to amend the Income-tax Act, 1961, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, the Bill, seeks to replace the Income Tax Amendment Ordinance, 1999 (Ord. 7 of 1999), which was promulgated on the 1st July, 1999. The armed intrusion in Kargil and the surrounding areas by a neighbouring country posed a severe threat to the security of our country. The defence forces of our country were engaged in meeting this threat against heavy odds. While discharging their duty, some members of the defence forces suffered serious injuries while others laid down their lives for the country. The families of the personnel, who made supreme sacrifices, deserve our full support. With a view to mobilize maximum funds for the benefit of the members of the defence forces and their families, donations made to the National Defence Fund were made fully deductible under the Income Tax Act by promulgating an Ordinance on the 1st July, 1999. The Lok Sabha has already passed the Bill. Now, I place the Bill for consideration of this House. The same may be considered and returned.

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Sanatan Bisi)] In the Chair

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Since there is no discussion, I am putting the motion to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend to Income Tax Act, 1961, be taken into' consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now we will take up clause-by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill. Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I move: "That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA (Rajasthan): Sir, the Bill has been passed, but a number of people, like widows and their families, have not received their dues. I would like to request the hon. Minister to please see that they get their dues. If it is too late, the whole purpose of it will be defeated.

THE CONTINGENCY FUND OF INDIA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now, we will take up the Contingency Fund of India (Amendment) Bill, 1999. Mr. Yashwant Sinha to move the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Contingency Fund of India Act, 1950, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, under Article 261 and Article 283 (1) of the Constitution, theContingency Fund of India Act, 1950 was enacted providing for the establishment of the Contingency Fund of India and for the custody of such fund and for the payment of monies into and withdrawal of monies from it. The corpus of the Contingency Fund of India established under the Contingency Fund of India Act, 1950 was Rs. 50 crores at the time of the dissolution of 12th Lok Sabha. As the available budgetary grands and the Contingency Fund could not accommodate fully the commitments of the Government, an immediate augmentation of the corpus of Contingency Fund became necessary. Therefore, an Ordinance, namely, the Contingency Fund of India (Amendment) Ordinance was promulgated by the President on 28th July, 1999 to temporarily raise the corpus of fund from Rs. 500 crores to Rs. 550 crores. The Bill seeks to replace the above Ordinance.

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): There is no discussion. So, I will put the motion to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Contingency Fund of India Act, 1950, as passed by Lok Sabha be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now, we will take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 and 3 were added to the Bill. Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I move:

"That the Bill be returned." The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now, we will take up the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 1999. Mr. Yashwant Sinha to move the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the representation of the People Act, 1951, as passed by Lok Sabha be taken into consideration."